

U.S. Attorney's Office
Eastern District of Louisiana
500 Poydras St
Suite 210-B
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Tel: 504.680.3000 Fax: 504.589.4510

## ALIEN PLEADS GUILTY TO SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD

April 4, 2008

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**RAMON ENRIQUE CALDERA MENDEZ**, a/k/a Carlos Rodriguez, Carlos Rodriguez Nunez, age 43, a resident of Venezuela plead guilty earlier this week to a two-count indictment by a Federal Grand Jury for misuse of a social security number, announced U. S. Attorney Jim Letten.

According to court documents, on September 21, 2004, and January 10, 2005, **RAMON ENRIQUE CALDERA MENDEZ**, an alien who had previously been ordered deported from the United States, used another person's social security number to obtain employment within the Eastern District of Louisiana.

If convicted, **RAMON ENRIQUE CALDERA MENDEZ** faces a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years, a fine of \$250,000.00 and three years of supervised release following any term of imprisonment.

United States District Judge Carl J. Barbier accepted his guilty plea and scheduled a sentencing date of July 9, 2008 at 1:30 P.M. After completion of his sentence, **RAMON ENRIQUE CALDERA MENDEZ** will be deported to Venezuela.

The case was investigated by the Social Security Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney W. Scott Laragy.